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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 0936

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: ENOUGH DUMA CHARGED UNDER TERRORISM ACT

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0403

1. EMBOFF AND CONOFF ATTENDED ARRAINGMENT HEARINGS FOR ENOUGH DUMA ON FEBRUARY 17 (REFTEL). DUMA, WHO HAS BEEN IN DETENTION SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, IS CHARGED, WITH AITKEN RAMUDZULI, ON FOUR COUNTS UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. THE INDICTMENT ALLEGES THAT DUMA USED HIS CAR FOR ANC ACTIVITIES AND "OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM", BOTH DUMA AND RAMUDZULI TRIED TO SOLICIT FUNDS AND PAC LITERATURE FOR USE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BOTH DEFENDANTS PLANTED EXPLOSIVES ON SOWETO RAILWAY LINES, RAMUDZULI BROUGHT WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES FROM BOTSWANA, BOTH DEFENDANTS PLANTED EXPLOSIVES IN THE MAIN PRETORIA POST OFFICE, AND RAMUDZULI BROUGHT TERRORISTS INTO SOUTH AFRICA. THERE ARE FIVE CO-CONSPIRATORS NAMED IN THE INDICTMENT.

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2. DUMA IS BEING REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES, THE PAPER FOR WHICH HE WORKED. RAMUDZULI IS BEING REPRESENTED BY SHUN CHETTY. LAWYERS FOR THE ACCUSED INDICATED THAT THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE THE TWO DEFENDANTS FOR SEPARATE TRIALS. THE REASON, ACCORDING TO THE SUNDAY TIMES REPRESENTATIVE, IS THAT RAMUDZULI MAY BE GUILTY OF SOME OR ALL THE OFFENSES

ALLEGED, WHEREAS THEY ARE CERTAIN THEY CAN GET AN ACQUITTAL FOR DUMA.

3. DUMA APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. HIS WIFE SAID THAT HE WAS FEELING WELL AND BEARING UP AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED. SHE SAID ENOCH WAS PLEASED AT OUR INTEREST IN THE CASE. DUMA IS NOW BEING HELD UNDER THE TERMS OF AN "AWAITING TRIAL" PRISONER AND CAN BE SEEN BY VISITORS. ALTHOUGH EMBOFF AND CONOFF WERE NOT ABLE TO VISIT PERSONALLY WITH HIM AT THE TRIAL, WE PLAN TO VISIT HIM NEXT WEEK ASSUMING NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

4. DUMA'S TRIAL STARTS IN JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPAL COURT ON FEBRUARY 24.
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